

## Minutes

### Chennault Aviation & Military Museum State Governing Board Meeting 9 May 2013

\* This is a joint meeting with the Friends Board

#### Members and Guests in Attendance

Nell Calloway - Museum Director  
 Jerry Hicks - Board President  
 Landon Miles - Board Vice-President  
 Bo Shaw Jr. - Board Secretary  
 Lee Estes  
 Roy Johns  
 Bobby Heflin  
 Carey Walker  
 Dr. Bob Weber  
 Terry Baugh  
*The Friends Board*  
*Other interested people*

#### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

By Jerry Hicks

#### Director's Report

- 1) Total attendance in April was 2,094.
- 2) On April, 20<sup>th</sup> the Patriot Guard held an event at the *Museum*. There were over 100 of their members in attendance.
- 3) Nell stated that on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Armed Forces Day, we will have a 5-K Run Fundraiser at Chennault Park. We still need volunteers to help with this event
- 4) The *Museum* was recently highlighted in the following magazines: *Delta Style*, *Bayou Life*, and *Guns and Gardens*.
- 5) Nell was recently invited to the Pacific War Museum in Honolulu. She made the trip and helped host students from Chengdu, China and Kaise High School in Honolulu. Both groups had put together presentations on General Chennault.
- 6) Nell attended the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association scholarship award ceremony in Shreveport. At the meeting Nell met the commanding officer of Global Strike Command based at Barksdale AFB.
- 7) Nell informed us that our Memorial Day ceremony will be at the American Legion Home, on Forsythe Avenue, on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We have been working with the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Association and the American Legion on this event. A new flag pole will be dedicated at the *Home*. There will be speakers and the Louisiana Big Band.
- 8) Nell stated that Wendell Roger's group, *Greenlight Development*, has been contracted by the *Endowment Board* to raise funds for the *Museum's* endowment. Among many ideas, they plan to have a Tennessee Walking Horse Show at the Monroe Civic Center. All proceeds, after expenses, will go the *Museum*.

- 9) Nell's friend, Alan Mutke, with the Chinese Peoples Friendship organization, has asked permission to include the *Museum* in a presentation to be given to high schools and colleges in Southern California. The presentation will be called *Fei Hu* (Chinese for Flying Tiger). Many people living on the West Coast have strong ties with China. Mr. Mutke hopes that this presentation will lead to more donors for the *Museum*. Nell really appreciates his efforts on behalf of the *Museum* and to Chinese/American friendship.
- 10) Nell also informed us that this month a Nationalist Chinese Air Force Colonel, with their office in Washington DC, will visit the *Museum*. Also Nell has an invitation to visit Taiwan in November as a guest of the Nationalist Government.
- 11) Finally, Nell stated that we need to grow our *Friends* membership and that we need more private donations to support our general fund. In closing, Nell thanked both *Boards* for serving the *Museum*.

#### Remarks by Secretary Schedler

- 1) Tom stated that he will not bill the *Friends* for our share of expenses for the fiscal year (2012). We may also get this same support from the *State* for next year's expenses.

#### Old Business

- 1) Jerry Hicks suggested that we visit with Rodney Alexander and ask for the federal government's help on the hangar building. He also stated that requests for help from Nationalist China and Mainland China would be appropriate.
- 2) Nell state there is a slim chance that we might someday get the P-40 that is on static display at the *USS Kidd Museum* in Baton Rouge.

#### New Business

- 1) Jerry asked the State Board to okay *Greenlight*'s plan for a walking horse show. This vote passed.
- 2) It was announced that the restoration of the C-45 (Beech 18) aircraft, in our restoration building, is coming along good. Also there is a man in Lafayette who has access to P-40 parts. This may help us if we get a *junker* P-40 aircraft and need to restore it.
- 3) Jerry scheduled the next State Board Meeting for August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

There being no other business, Jerry Hicks adjourned the meeting.